## **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended): A flush-mount connector system useful for attaching supply line valves and drain elbows to in-wall plumbing lines without a conventional in-wall outlet box, the system comprising:

at least one of a valve holder and a drain elbow;

at least one a mounting plate having a front and back, and further comprising at least one aperture into which the at least one of a valve holder or is insertable from the back of the mounting plate and in which the valve holder is rotatable, and another aperture into which the drain elbow is insertable and engageable at a preferred angular orientation in a plane defined by the mounting plate from the back of the mounting plate and in which the drain elbow is rotatable, for connection to the in-wall plumbing lines; and

a removable cover substantially concealing the mounting plate from view.

- 2. (canceled)
- 3. (canceled)
- 4. (canceled)
- 5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended): The flush-mount connector system of claim 1 comprising a wherein the mounting plate having has a first aperture into in which a the valve holder is insertable and frictionally engageable and a second aperture into in which a the drain elbow is insertable and frictionally engageable.

- 7. (currently amended): The flush-mount connector system of claim 1 wherein the at least one mounting plate further comprises a plurality of circumferentially spaced projections disposed adjacent to the at least one aperture apertures.
- 8. (original): The flush-mount connector system of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of straps attachable to the mounting plate.
- 9. (original): The flush-mount connector system of claim 8, further comprising a plurality of slots to which the straps are releasably attachable.
- 10. (currently amended): The flush-mount connector system of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of mounting holes <u>disposed in the mounting plate</u>.

## 11. (canceled)

- 12. (currently amended): The flush-mount connector system of claim 1 wherein the at least one of a valve holder and drain elbow are <u>each</u> rotatably mounted in the at least one aperture their respective apertures.
- 13. (original): The flush-mount connector system of claim 1 comprising a valve holder attachable to a single valve.

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14. (original): The flush-mount connector system of claim 1 comprising a valve holder attachable to dual valves.

- 15. (original): The flush-mount connector system of claim 1 comprising a drain elbow having a forwardly facing, removable test cap.
- 16. (original): The flush-mount connector system of claim 15 wherein the forwardly facing test cap further comprises a threaded hose connector.
- 17. (original): The flush-mount connector system of claim 16 wherein the threaded hose connector further comprises a removable test plug.
- 18. (original): The flush-mount connector system of claim 1 comprising a drain elbow having a condensate connection port.
- 19. (original): The flush-mount connector system of claim 18 wherein the condensate connection port has a removable cover.
- 20. (currently amended): The flush-mount connector system of claim 1 wherein each of the at least one of a valve holder and drain elbow has a substantially cylindrical collar that is insertable through the at least one an aperture in the mounting plate.
- 21. (original): The flush-mount connector system of claim 20 wherein the collar further comprises an outside wall having a plurality of axially spaced, circumferentially extending engagement rings.

22. (currently amended): The flush-mount connector system of claim 20 wherein each of the at least one of a valve holder and drain elbow has a flange extending radially outward behind the collar, the flange having an outside diameter too great to be insertable through the at least one respective aperture.

- 23. (original): The flush-mount connector system of claim 1 wherein the mounting plate is made of metal.
- 24. (currently amended): The flush-mount connector system of claim 1 wherein the at least one of a valve holder and a drain elbow comprises each comprise a polymeric material.
- 25. (currently amended): The flush-mount connector system of claim 1 wherein the cover comprises a polymeric material.
- 26. (new): The flush-mount connector system of claim 1 wherein the mounting plate is installable so that the valve adapter is connectable to an in-wall plumbing line in a first stud bay of a wall and the drain elbow is connectable to an in-wall plumbing line in a different stud bay of the wall.